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2020

“Important Dates”

General Meeting

May 8th

8:30 AM

Gateway EAA Chapter 1401

Merced Regional Airport

HANGAR 10

Board Meeting

June 3rd

7:00 PM

Mike Bodine

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Happy Easter!

Hello Flight Enthusiasts!

John had his Rotator Cuff surgery last month; therefore, he will not be flying for a bit. If anyone wants to offer to take us for a ride, we'll buy lunch. Speaking of lunch, before John's surgery he had to go for pre-op in Clovis. It was on a Sunday, so we decided to have lunch beforehand at Logan's Roadhouse. Unfortunately, when we got to the restaurant they were closed (even though their website said otherwise). To Google we went where I found a restaurant called, The Hangar. It was a hamburger/sandwich shop, and we were short on time, so we figured why not. Besides anything that had to do with airplanes had to be good. We were not disappointed the food was terrific! While we were in line deciding what to order I jokingly told John he should ask if pilots get a discount. John, being John, decided to ask as a gag. I ordered then he showed the young lady his pilot certificate and asked if pilots get a discount with a chuckle. To which she responded, "Yes, they do!" What a find! Not only great food but at a discount! Check out the photos of it in the Photo/Video section.

Joe Pruzzo's presentation was great as always. We are very lucky to have the largest air museum on the West Coast and him to run it. He offered once again, to give us a private tour of some of the hangars that are closed to the public. We did it a few years back and it was both educational and fun. Thank you, Joe we will be in, touch, I am sure. Be sure and check out the poster about Open Cockpit Day at the end of this month!

This month's speaker will be Rick Eason. Rick Eason has more than 45 years experience in General Aviation and holds a Commercial License and is a Flight Instructor. He is in his 2nd year flying for the Merced County Sheriff's Department. He is a volunteer and serves as the departments Chief Pilot and check airman. The Merced County Sheriffs' Department has 3 aircraft in its fleet: a Cessna U206C, a Robinson R-44, and a UH-1H 'Huey'. Each aircraft has a 'specialty' in the Sheriff Departments mission. The aircraft are utilized for Search & Rescue, criminal apprehension, personnel transport, and routine patrol to name a few. Hope to see you all there.

Until then, May God bless you all with health, prosperity and clear blue skies!

Bonnie

President's Proclamation



Mike Bodine

May 8, 2021

Gateway EAA Chapter 1401

Our May EAA General Meeting is May 8th at 8:30 AM at the EAA hangar.

Rick Eason will be our guest speaker. Rick is a pilot for the Sheriff's Department. He will discuss his flying for the sheriff department, as well as having one of their aircrafts on display for our meeting.

Remember to wear your face masks and maintain social distancing at the meeting. Hot coffee and water will be available for all those attending.

Bakersfield EAA Chapter 71 is having their annual Bakersfield Municipal Airport fly-in and Young Eagles flights for kids 12-17 May 15th. Activities will start around 9:00 AM.

The Regional Airport Authority passed a motion, April 28th to be presented to the City Council, recommending **Advanced Air** to replace **Boutique Air lines** as the airlines carrier to Merced.

Mike Bodine

2021 Gateway EAA

Tentative Meeting Schedule

Board Meetings	General Meetings	Meeting Location	Meeting Agenda and Activity
Apr 29	May 8	EAA Hangar 10	Aircraft Display and Social
Jun 3	Jun 12	EAA Hangar 10	Aircraft Display and Social
Jul 1	Jul 10	EAA Hangar 10	Aircraft Display and Social
Aug 5	Aig 14	EAA Hangar 10	Aircraft Display and Social
Sep 2	Sep 11	EAA Hangar 10	Aircraft Display and Possible Young Eagles flight, Covid-19 permitting
Sep 30	Oct 9	EAA Hangar 10	Aircraft Display and Social
Nov 4	Nov 13	EAA Hangar 10	Aircraft Display and Social
Dec 2	Dec 11	EAA Hangar 10	Chapter Christmas party



Chapter Events

Joe Pruzzo CEO

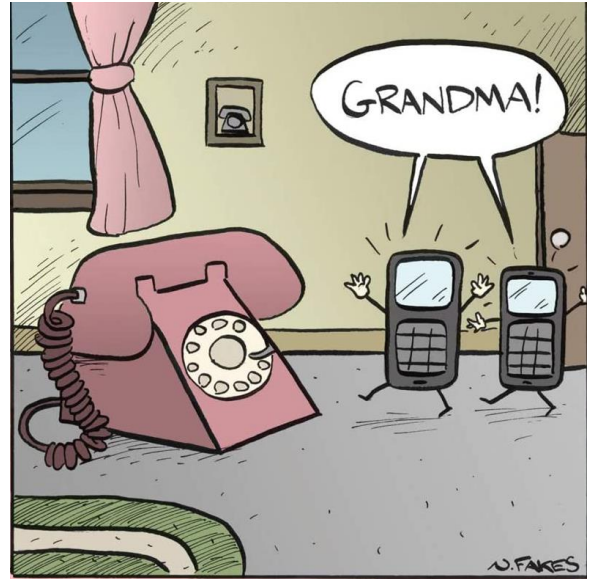
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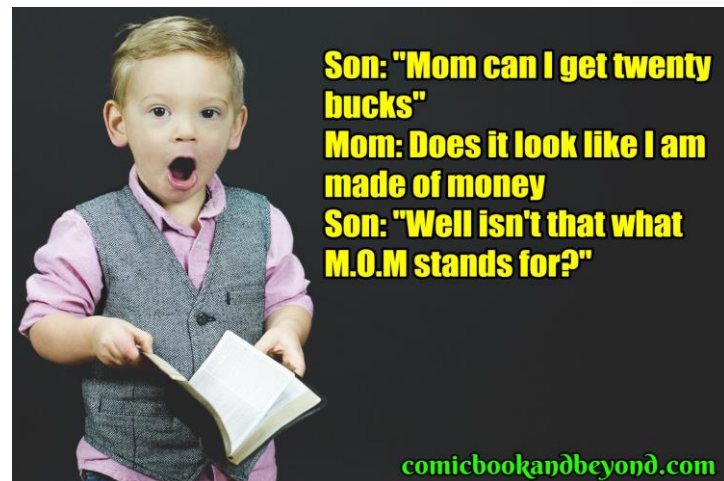


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OPEN COCKPIT DAY



May 31, 2021

9:00am - 4:00pm

Make and take model building for kids, Food Court
(burgers, hot dogs, ice cream and more!)

Tour the former Presidential Aircraft used by six former Presidential
Administrations for only an additional \$10 per person!

Courtesy shuttle to view "Hidden Collection" hangar.

[Castle Air Museum](#)

A BIT OF HISTORY

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Salute to Cornelia Fort and the Female Pilots of WWII



Many US pilots gave their lives in the line of duty, such as Cornelia Fort of Nashville, TN who became the first American female pilot to die in active service.

As a civilian flight trainer in Honolulu, she had actually survived being caught up in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor while training a flight student, making her one of the first witnesses to the attack. She

quickly took over the controls of the aircraft making an emergency landing. Cornelia and her student narrowly escaped as the airfield was quickly bombed by the Japanese.

In 1942 Nancy Love recruited Cornelia to serve in the newly established Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron, precursor to the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). She was the second woman accepted into the service. Cornelia was killed while ferrying a BT-13A when it collided with another plane over Texas on March 21, 1943. Cornelia was only 24 years old.

The Cornelia Fort Airport in Nashville was named in her honor in 1945. Her close encounter, widely celebrated in the wake of Pearl Harbor, is re-enacted in the opening scenes of the movie Tora! Tora! Tora! and at air shows even today.

Original description and photo sourced by the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Plane & Pilot



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Unless You've Been a Soldier

by Clive Sanders

Unless you've been a soldier,
You just won't understand.
The things that we have seen and done,
In the service of our land.
We have trained to live in combat,
To cope with awful sights,
That shouldn't be seen by anyone
And keep you awake at nights.

We don't discuss the wounds we have,
To the body or the mind.
We just put our hurts behind us,
And turn our memories to blind.
We are proud we served our country,
And remember those we lost.
For the freedom that you have today,
They paid the awful cost.

In Memory of America's Armed Forces

*For all
who gave
their yesterdays,
a thank you
today -
on this
Memorial
Day.*



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